



CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY

**Resolution #HSRA 11-17**

**Application to Federal Railroad Administration  
For Additional High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail Program Funds**

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2010, and December 20, 2010, the California High-Speed Rail Authority Board (Board) identified an Initial Construction Section for the High-Speed Train system extending from north of Fresno to north of Bakersfield (Kern County);

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2010, and December 20, 2010, the Board delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer to enter into a grant/cooperative agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration to receive American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and FY 2010 funds to support final design and construction for this Initial Construction Section;

WHEREAS, the grant/cooperative agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration for ARRA funds for the Initial Construction Section was fully executed as of December 29, 2010;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Board direction, the grant/cooperative agreement specifies that: (a) the Authority will not make final decisions regarding specific facilities, construction, alignments or mitigation measures until required environmental documents are completed and certified; and (b) the Agreement shall be amended to conform to final project decisions made after the environmental documents are completed and certified;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2011, the Federal Railroad Administration announced the opportunity for states to compete for an additional approximately \$ 2.4 billion being made available as part of the Federal Railroad Administration's High-Speed Intercity Passenger Rail (HSIPR) Program;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2011, at a duly noticed public meeting, the Board received a staff presentation on a range of options to extend the Initial Construction Section further with additional funds;

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the California High-Speed Authority as follows:

The Board delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to prepare and submit an application for additional federal funds from the Federal Railroad Administration that would permit extension of the Initial Construction Section with the options identified below as "yes":

**Option 1: Base Case**

Merced and Bakersfield Extensions

Yes  No

**Option 2A:**

Chowchilla Wye – West Extension

Yes  No

**Option 2B:**

Bakersfield Station – South Extension

Yes  No

The Board further delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority to enter into a grant/cooperative agreement with the Federal Railroad Administration, substantially as proposed, and any amendments thereto of a non material nature, to receive federal funds to support final design and construction of the extension of the Initial Construction Section, conditioned upon the Authority's completion of all environmental documentation required and the Board's final decisions on specific alignments and facilities in this portion of the high-speed train system.

CERTIFICATION: The undersigned Chief Executive Officer of the California High-Speed Rail Authority does certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority on March 30, 2011.

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Roelof van Ark  
Chief Executive Officer

Vote:

Date:

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